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APPROVED 06/02/2005

At 6:15 pm the meeting was called to order by Chairman Gene Cordes. Present were Selectmen Cordes, Donald Gates Jr and Peter Bolduc; and Town Administrator Heidi Carlson.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Selectmen reviewed the minutes for 19 May 2005. Motion was made by Bolduc to approve them as written. Gates seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.
- 2. Selectmen discussed a temporary trailer permit for the job trailer at Spruce Hill development. The Board felt this would have to meet the same criteria as outlined n the minutes from last week regarding a temporary trailer placement by Martin Ferwerda within the Governor's Forest Mobile Home Park.
- 3. Selectmen reviewed the sketch of the park sign at Memorial Fields. The Board approved the layout, but thought the sign should read: Fremont Memorial Fields. The Board authorized the expense for the sign, given that the Parks & Recreation Commission has allocated the \$400 over the budgeted amount from another location within their operating budget.
- 4. Selectmen reviewed a letter to Fred LeClair regarding the shooting range. Some amendments were made and the letter was signed.

APPOINTMENTS

At 6:53 pm Lieutenant Charles Rand met with the Board to discuss some Police Department matters in Chief Janvrin's absence.

Rand presented the Board with the newest OHRV contracts with NH Fish & Game. As has been the practice, the Selectmen approved the following resolution: "That Chief Janvrin is hereby authorized to execute and deliver for in the name and on the behalf of the Town of Fremont, NH all professional service contracts, agreements and reports with the State of New Hampshire Fish and Game Department for Off Highway Recreational Vehicle law enforcement purported to be binding upon the Town shall be conclusive evidence for all purposes that such instrument is authorized by this vote."

This resolution was signed by all member of the Board and recorded as a true copy, and notarized by Heidi Carlson.

Chairman Cordes also signed a letter to NH Fish & Game outlining the operating procedures of the Police Department as it pertains to the OHRV contract administration.

Motion was then made by Bolduc and seconded by Gates at 7:00 pm to enter non-public session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to NH RSA 91-A 3 (c). The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Selectmen discussed the Police Department's recommendation on two new part-time candidates for hire.

At 7:08 pm motion was made by Gates and seconded by Bolduc to return to public session. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0. Guerwood Holmes came into the meeting at this time.

Motion was then made by Gates and seconded by Bolduc to move ahead with appointments for Jesse Emery and Robert Genest as part-time patrolmen. This vote was unanimously approved 3-0. The forms will be prepared for next week.

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Rand asked the Board about what could be done to alleviate the safety hazard on North Road caused by the high water. Selectmen briefly discussed the engineering work done several years ago, and said they would talk with the Road Agent when he came in to the meeting.

Charles Rand left the meeting at approximately 7:15 pm.

At 7:15 pm Guerwood Holmes met with the Board to discuss the truck quotes he has gotten for the new highway truck. This included proposals from Gladstone Ford in Londonderry, Hillsboro Ford in Hillsboro, Dobles Chevrolet in Manchester. Irwin Motors in Laconia had been contacted and had no vehicles available, and Holmes had also checked at a GMC dealer in Methuen MA. Some of the trucks quoted were 2005's and others were new 2006 models, depending on what dealers had available.

The quotes and different trucks were reviewed. At this time, the Board supported Holmes decision to go with the truck from Gladstone Ford in Londonderry. This is for a 2006 F350 gas model. There was considerable discussion about going with diesel, but it would raise the initial cost by approximately \$4,500.

Holmes then asked the Board about keeping the GMC 1961 for use by the Highway Department. There was some discussion in this regard, as well as discussion about whether or not the Fire Department could assist in this endeavor. It would cost an additional \$500 per year just to insure the truck. Although it might be nice, it was decided not to pursue this, and an inquiry will be made to the Fire Department to see if they can help out the Highway Department in this regard.

Selectmen then discussed North Road and the water problem caused by the continued rains. Holmes said that Brox is coming up this week to do the paving on Wildwood Drive and Barrell Run, and he will raise the area on North Road when they are here. This is a safety hazard and needs to be addressed for safety reasons.

Holmes left the meeting at approximately 7:35 pm.

The Fremont School Board had earlier cancelled their appointment regarding concern over a Town History editorial comment. The Board of Selectmen did not have editorial prerogative over the town history, and had suggested to Chairman Dreyer that the School Board address their concern directly to Matthew Thomas.

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED

- 5. Memorial Day issues discussed: The parade lineup all set, rain decision to be made early Sunday morning. Frank Rand will also be included as a Parade Grand Marshal with Ryan Willey. This was brought forward to late to be included in the program, but will be included on the parade lineup. Selectmen reviewed their introduction and presentation information. The Board also reviewed a request from Faith Levesque on behalf of the Girl Scouts to have an information table at the Meetinghouse, with the Cub Scout, and to sell the remaining boxes of Girl Scout cookies. Selectmen agreed this was OK so long as no vending took place during the ceremony.
- 6. Selectmen discussed the sign for the ballfields. The Parks & Recreation Commission had decided on Fremont Memorial Fields. The Board would like to have it say Fremont Memorial Park instead, as it is not solely fields. This will also be run by the Town Historian for information purposes.
- 7. Engineer's report is back regarding inspection at Governor's Forest for the occupancy certificates. Mr Ferwerda has withdrawn his request for now, for those occupancy certificates.

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NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Selectmen reviewed and approved the vendor manifest in the amount of \$167,535.51. Two copies were signed.
- 2. The date for Fall Bulky day has been established as Saturday October 15, 2005. The Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held in Brentwood again this year, and is set for Saturday September 10, 2005.
- 3. Selectmen reviewed and approved an Intent to Excavate for Abdallah Construction on parcel 02-012.
- 4. Carlson discussed with the Board removal of a couple of trees in the Village Cemetery, at the request of Dick Rand and Don Denney. The trees are threatening a monument and should be removed. Dick Rand and Don Denney can get them down. Selectmen said this was fine so long as they are on Town property and are a hazard.
- 5. Selectmen reviewed and signed an Intent to Cut for Robert Stiner on Scribner Road, parcel 01-083.
- 6. Selectmen reviewed an abatement request from Woody & Dorma West for timber tax assessed on parcel 01-060. Their forester Allan Oxman presented documentation including all of the weigh slips, and costs for the operation. The request is for an abatement of \$559.74 to a new tax amount of \$1,447.94, representing 10% of actual harvest money received. Considering the documentation, motion was made by Gates and seconded by Bolduc to approve the abatement, and a form was signed for the Tax Collector.
- 7. Selectmen reviewed the NH Municipal Bond Bank Loan Agreement for the Glen Oakes purchase. The resolution was adopted pursuant to the NH Municipal Bond Bank requirement, and certified by the Town Clerk. A copy of the resolution will be attached to the original copy of these minutes.

At 8:00 pm motion was made by Bolduc and seconded by Gates to enter non-public session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A 3 II (c) to discuss a personnel matter, the personnel evaluation of Heidi Carlson. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

The Board discussed with Carlson her performance evaluation.

At 9:15 pm motion was made by Gates and seconded by Bolduc to return to public session. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Motion was made by Gates and seconded by Bolduc to place the evaluation on file and approve a step increase for Carlson to 19/6 retroactive to her start date of 04/21. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Selectmen discussed the email from Vision regarding an additional letter of contact for people Bolduc moved and Gates seconded to not schedule and pay for a second round of callbacks, but to allow people to have the appointments scheduled with the hearings this summer.

The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Selectmen reviewed the mail folder.

Bolduc discussed the Planning Board's decision last evening to spend approximately \$100 on the purchase of a better set of FEMA flood maps from the Rockingham Planning Commission.

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This will include an aquifer map overlay with the flood zones. One additional may be purchased for the Selectmen's Office as well.

NEXT WEEK

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday June 2, 2005 at 6:00 pm.

With no further business, motion was made by Gates and seconded by Bolduc to recess this meeting to 8:30 am on Sunday morning May 29, 2005 for the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

At 8:30 am Selectmen met at the Town Offices to prepare for the annual Memorial Day parade and ceremony.

The parade began at 9:15 am and the ceremonies concluded at approximately 10:30 am.

Selectmen walked about half-way back to the Town Hall, before getting a ride the rest of the way. They discussed with Guerwood Holmes one additional price quote he had for the new truck. Given two competitive diesel quotes, and the cost savings over time with the mileage savings in a diesel, the Board gave this further consideration.

This would be approximately \$4,500 higher than the gasoline truck originally quoted, but there will be reduced operating costs and an anticipated longer operating life of the truck, as expected with a diesel vehicle. The difference in cost from the budgeted amount in the warrant article will be taken from the Highway Department operating budget. This is estimated at approximately \$1,000 to \$1,500 which Holmes said he could allocate.

Given these considerations, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the purchase of a diesel 2006 Ford F350 4x4 from Gladstone Ford in the final price amount of \$26,980.00.

Once back at the Town Hall, motion was made to adjourn this meeting at 11:01 am on a motion from Gates and second from Bolduc. The vote was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson Town Administrator

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